

WOMEN CAN FALL OUT OF LOVE, TOO, SAYS DOROTHY DIX

Middle-Aged Wives Can Get Just as Bored as Husbands.

By DOROTHY DIX.

The matrimonial tragedy of which we hear the most is that of the deserted wife, who at middle age finds that her husband has tired of her, and is indifferent to her, even if he has not wandered off after some younger and fairer face. We hear so much of lonely wives, and see so many married women working with might and main to keep down their flesh, and keep up their pep, in order to retain their husbands' affections that we have fallen into the way of thinking that matrimony is a perpetual picnic to women, and that it is only men who find it a rainy Sunday with relatives in the country.

We accept the fact that the years bring disillusion to the man. We realize how the monotony of domesticity gets on his nerves, and how he gets sick and weary of seeing the same face across the breakfast table from him, and listening to the same complaints, and winding the same clock, and putting the same key in the same door at the same hour every night.

We can see how his passion could cool off as his wife's beauty faded, and how his ardor increased; how familiarity could even blunt his perception of her virtues, until the time might come when all he could see in her was just a homely, nagging woman who snifled when she talked, and could never let anything rest.

Far otherwise is the popular conception of the middle-aged woman. We picture her as sloshing over romance to her dying day. We see her in an attitude of perpetual adoration before her husband, who continues to be the hero of her childish dreams to the end. We never imagine her as growing tired of domestic life, or as perceiving that husband has become a bit stale and bay-windowed, and prey.

Men are especially committed to this view of a woman's heart being a perpetual motion machine that never runs down. It is once put in motion. Thereafter, a man never loses any sleep over the problem of how to retain his wife's affections. He knows that she simply can't lose her and that she is devoted to him. He knows that she is devoted to him. He knows that she is devoted to him.

It appears that there is some slight error in this view of the middle-aged woman. That very often the middle-aged woman is just as tired of matrimony as any man could be, and just as much bored by her husband as he could possibly be by her. At any rate, I have gotten a letter from a woman who turns up an interesting searchlight on this matter. She says:

"I have been reading some of the advice you have been giving to old men who are weary of the women to whom they are married, and who want to swap off old wives for new."

"How do you know their wives are not tired of them and glad to get them out? A woman of 50 or 60 may be done with romance, or it may merely be that her husband doesn't look romantic to her as he does over a newspaper by the fire, and she would like to have more lively companionship here. If you could look into the minds of old wives you would find many of them are bored to death with their husbands. It is hard to live with a man forty years and stay in love with him. You know him too well."

"A lot of women of 50 or 60, released from the cares of rearing a family and helping to build up a fortune, would like to have a little rest. Not with another man. Heaven forbid! They have had enough of matrimony, and its trials and tribulations, but there are other things for them to enjoy—pretty clothes, books, travel, plays, opera—the things they have never had time for, or money for, in their busy working years."

"Many a middle-aged woman, if she could have the time to free-dom, would be perfectly happy. I am past 50 myself, and while I am used to having John around and I do my best to make him comfortable and happy, I don't kid myself into believing that I am romantically in love with him, or that there is a thrill left in my system that he could arouse."

"He's a good man, as men go, but there are a lot of things about him I don't like, and I have borne them for years. I am tired of his old jokes that I have heard a million times, and of the way he swells up with importance when he is going to express any opinion. If an oracle were going to speak."

"I am disgusted by his rough chin with a two days' beard on it, and the sloppy way he dresses, and his general untidiness. He falls asleep over his newspaper, and snoring with his mouth open, and that nearly drives me mad."

"I am sick of having him yell at me from the bathroom for fresh towels, and the clothes that he could easily get for himself. I am tired of having to ask for money that I have earned by my own labor, and to which I have a perfect right."

"I am weary of having to side-step every unpleasant topic to keep from rousing a devil of a temper, and of having to smooth over matters, and present bills at the psychological moment to stave off family rows and scenes."

"I am tired of pretending that I think that a stupid, fat old man is the fountain of wisdom, and a romantic hero, and a little tin god on wheels."

"It paves me to sit around and watch a man give himself airs over 'my' success, 'my' house, 'my' money, 'my' cars, 'my' children, without giving any credit to the wife who has worked like a dray horse helping him to make every cent he's got."

"In a word, I am bored to death by my old husband, and there are plenty of other women who are just in my case, and it is a pity our husbands don't suspect it and take some trouble to make themselves attractive to us, and so retain our affections. Believe me, it would astonish many a man if he knew what his middle-aged wife was really thinking about him."

"So there you are, gentlemen. You had better watch your step for it seems that ladies also can fall out of love."

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WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Mrs. Walsh Gives Dinner
Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge Guests of Honor.

By EVELYN C. HUNT.

The Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge were the guests of honor at a dinner which Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh gave yesterday at her Massachusetts avenue residence. There were covers for forty.

The Belgian Ambassador and Baroness de Cartier entertained at dinner last evening at the embassy, when several of the conference delegates were in the company.

The Ambassador of Peru and Mme. Peset went to New York yesterday to make a short visit.

The Minister of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and Mme. Groult will entertain at the embassy, evening in honor of Lord Cavan.

Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, will come to Washington tomorrow and John M. Daniels for a brief stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Delano Robbins entertained at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club when their guests were asked to meet Jonkheer F. Beelaerts van Blokland of the Netherlands delegation.

Mrs. John B. Henderson was hostess at a dinner last evening when the guests included a number of the delegates of the delegations to the conference.

Mrs. Clarke Waggaman was hostess at a luncheon yesterday at the Chevy Chase Club when her guests were asked to meet Jonkheer F. Beelaerts van Blokland of the Netherlands delegation.

Miss Alice Harriman was hostess at a soiree artistique last evening at 10 o'clock at her studio, to meet Miss Abbie Putnam Morrison.

John W. Garrett, secretary general of the conference on disarmament, entertained at a luncheon at his Baltimore home over the weekend yesterday for New York. Mr. Balfour was accompanied by one of the members of the staff of the British delegation and Embassy, including Sir Arthur Willet and Mr. Balfour's secretary, Mr. Peterson.

The Minister of Nicaragua, Senor Don Emilio Chamorro, has gone to New York to attend the dinner this evening which will be given by the Pan American Society in honor of Dr. John Bassett Moore, who has been elected judge of the court of international justice. Dr. Moore was formerly counselor of the State Department in Washington. J. E. Lefevre, charge d'affaires of the Panama Legation, will also attend the dinner.

Dr. L. S. Rowe, director general of the Pan American Union, will entertain at luncheon today at the annex of the Pan American Union in honor of Dr. Carlos V. Coello, of Ecuador, and Willis C. Cook, newly appointed United States Minister to Venezuela. Among the guests asked are the Minister of Venezuela, Dr. Santos A. Domínguez; the Minister of Ecuador, Dr. Rafael H. Elizalde; Dr. Dana C. Munro, Stewart Johnson, Alexander Hume Ford, Dr. Francisco J. Yanes, assistant director of the Pan American Union; Franklin Adams and W. Reid.

Dr. Rowe will entertain at a luncheon in compliment to H. G. Wells in the Pan American Union annex on Friday, December 9.

LORD RIDDELL TO BE GUEST OF NEWSPAPERMEN.
In honor of Lord Riddell, press officer attached to the British delegation at the armament conference, the American and foreign newspapermen now in Washington will give a dinner Friday evening. An international committee of arrangements, of which Mark Sullivan, Frederic William Wile and Edwin M. Hood are the American members, has the affair in charge. It is expected that 150 persons will attend the dinner, which is in the nature of both a tribute and a farewell to Lord Riddell, who is sailing for England next week.

Maj. Robert Hyatt, formerly military attaché at the United States Embassy in London, and Mrs. Hyatt have come to Washington and have an apartment at the Wyoming.

Former Secretary of State and Mrs. Robert Lansing will go to New York Thursday to remain about two days.

Miss Katherine Pletcher, daughter of Col. and Mrs. John Pletcher, of Annapolis, will come to Washington at the end of the week to spend the week-end with Col. and Mrs. T. Q. Donaldson.

Prime Minister Jonkheer H. A. van Karnebeek and Mme. van Karnebeek, head of the political department of the Netherlands government; Jonkheer de With, counselor of the legation and secretary to the Minister and Mme. de With; Jonkheer van Stokkhouwer, and Dr. E. Moresco, of the colonial office, who were among the guests at the dinner and reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg at their Baltimore residence Saturday evening, have all returned to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Reid Yates will entertain at a musicale next Sunday evening.

Miss Alice Shepard will go to New York tomorrow to remain until Thursday.

Col. and Mrs. Charles Thompson have come to Washington to reside. After being stationed for some time in the West Col. Thompson has been assigned to duty at the War College.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Henry Wiley will arrive today to be the guests of Capt. and Mrs. McDonough at the Naval Observatory. Mrs. McDonough will entertain informally at tea tomorrow afternoon, when she will be assisted by Mrs. Wiley.

Miss Janet Richards at her talk on "Vital Issues of the Day" at the Knickerbocker Theater will bring up to date the subjects already under consideration in the course, including the progress of the arms conference, the status of the Irish question, and other English prob-



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lems. She will also review a number of knotty questions relating to affairs European, and will finish the talk with a brief sketch of the armament conference.

Haute, Ind. The wedding probably will take place in June.

H. G. Wells will be the honor guest of the Women's National Press Club at the weekly luncheon in the clubroom, Cafe Madrilon, 1304 G street, second floor, today at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Henry Wilder Keyes, first national vice president of the League of American Pen Women, will give a lecture on "The Career of David Noble," which is making such a favorable impression with the literary critics throughout the country, having been off the press but a few weeks, and at the same time the copies of the last issue of Good Housekeeping, containing Mrs. Keyes' monthly letter as a Senator's wife.

WILL GIVE OPEN LECTURE ON CHINESE AFFAIRS.
Mrs. Richard Fay Jackson and I. E. Jones, presidents of the Women's Alliance and the Laymen's League of All Souls' Unitarian Church, have arranged with Prof. Edward Thomas Williams, technical delegate to the conference on limitations of armament, to address a meeting at the auditorium of the Cosmos Club next Friday evening. Prof. Williams was at one time connected with the State Department and lived for a number of years in China. His lecture will be on the subject of "Chinese Social Institutions," and it will be open to all who wish to attend.

Lieut. Col. A. Guidoni, air attaché to the Italian Embassy, has been appointed honorary aide de camp of his majesty the King of Italy.

The Earl of Cavan and his aide de camp, Capt. Gage, who are in Washington for the arms conference, will spend the coming week-end with Representative and Mrs. John Philip Hill, who will entertain at dinner in their honor. This week-end and over today Representative and Mrs. Hill have as their guest Miss Ellen Mackay, the debutante daughter of Clarence H. Mackay, of New York. Mr. Mackay has just issued invitations for a dinner party for 150 guests, which he will give on Thursday evening, December 22, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel preceding the ball which he has arranged for Miss Mackay.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Colbert and Miss Colbert have sent out cards for a dance on Saturday evening, December 24, at 9:30 o'clock, at Raucher's.

Mrs. Harding, Vice President Coolidge and his wife, Secretary of War J. Weeks and his wife, and

Wade Robinson, of New York, is at the New Willard Hotel for a brief stay.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ralph announce the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Montgomery, to George W. Rynick, Jr., of Terre

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Mrs. A. Felix Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schwab, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Grant and Maj. and Mrs. E. H. Wyndham are among those who entertained at the musicale this evening in the Della Robbia Room of the Vanderbilt Hotel.

The Italy-American Society will give a farewell luncheon at the Biltmore on Saturday next for Gen. Diaz. Whitney Warren is chairman of the luncheon committee.

The nineteenth annual dinner of the Maine Society will be held on the evening of December 15 at De-monic's. The speakers will be Gov. Henry J. Allen, Senator William E. Borah, Charles M. Schwab, and Augustus Thomas. Mrs. Vincent Astor will open her house on December 13 at 3 o'clock for a recital by Miss Ruth Draper in aid of the Florence Crittenton League.

Assistant Secretary of War J. M. Wainwright and his wife, will be among the distinguished guests occupying boxes at the army exhibition drill at Fort Myer on December 17 for the benefit of the Army Relief.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Balfour have gone to New York and are staying at the Pennsylvania Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurber C. Adams, of Boston, are at the New Willard Hotel.

JAPANESE WOMEN GUESTS OF COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB.
Mme. Abiko, and the ladies of the Japanese delegation, will be the guests of honor at the tea at the College Women's Club, 1822 Eye street northwest, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. At 5 o'clock Mrs. Abiko, who is the wife of a prominent Japanese newspaper man of San Francisco, will speak on "Japanese Women in California."

Members of the club from Southern colleges are Mrs. Abiko, Mrs. C. O. Isom, Miss Annabel Matthews, Mrs. Mary Husted France, Mrs. William B. Hardy, Mrs. Robert C. Edwards, Miss Edna B. Stone, Mrs. William A. Reid, Mrs. G. F. Charles, Miss Francis Shirley, Miss Elaine Ward, Mrs. W. L. Fulton, Mrs. Marion Clark, and Mrs. Avery C. Marks. Mrs. Ross A. Collins and Mrs. Richard T. Wyche will preside at the tea table.

All women from Southern colleges are especially invited to this meeting.

Among Americans returning home from Europe in the past few days were Miss Winifred Waterman, of Pittsfield, and Frank O. Perrett, who arrived at New York on the White Star liner Araucario on Friday last from Naples and Genoa, and will come shortly to Washington.

Cards have been issued by the Washington Salon and United Arts Society for its fortnightly soiree Thursday night at the Playhouse, 1814 N street, to be given in honor of the foreign delegates to the arms conference, the Cosmos University, and National Press clubs. Norman Hapgood, the well-known writer, will speak on "Conference and Other Impressions," and Col. Barry Bulkeley will discuss "Washington, the Cultural Center of the Nation."

The hostesses will be Miss C. Larimore Keeley, Mrs. Jane S. Elliott, Mrs. M. Aubrey Childrey, Miss Lora A. Thompson, Mrs. Frazer Edwards, Miss Lucy A. Devlin, and Mrs. W. Taylor. The buffet will be in charge of Mrs. Helen Jean Pitt Starr, who will be assisted by Miss Dolly Beatrice Barker, Mrs. Mary L. Norman, Miss Nellie Beth Wilkin, Miss Catherine L. Vaux, Miss Louise M. Bateman, Miss Mabel E. Moon, Miss Louise Evanson, Miss Carolyn D. Hansen, Miss Margaret Shuttles, and Miss Ranghild C. Johnson.

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HOLLIS, L. I., Dec. 4.—There are girls in Hollis who find that the stronger sex is weak on conversation of the sensible sort. Girls have formed a club, under the leadership of Miss Maier, to develop in the local social life the art of saying nothing pleasantly and of discussing topics of social and current interest by some other than the "yes" and "no" system.

The first meeting was held Friday night. All that kept it from the borderland of success was the absence of those for whose benefit the club was formed. Ten men had been invited, and ten were just the number of men that did not report for their schooling.

The girls, however, are 18-karat optimists, and declare it was undoubtedly the quantity of rain which fell Friday night that kept the "clubfooted" talk away from the meeting.

solos by Miss Mary Smitherman; selections by Horace Alvin Lake, bass soloist at the First Baptist church with Mrs. Howard M. Bland at the piano; Henri Sokolov, of the National String Quartet, violin solos; Miss Katharine Riggs, harp solos; Walter T. Holt and Charles Conrad, mandolin and guitar duet; Misses Frances Thomas, Ethelwyn Johnson, Marjorie and Alva Jostings, of the Marjorie Webster School, in dance bar exercises; nature and character dancing. Rudolph de Zapp, president of the society, will make the presentations. There will be dancing.

A list is now complete of the box holders for the Children's Hospital ball to be held on January 9, following the Cabinet dinner given by the Secretary of State to the President. It comprises many prominent names of Washington residents and officials. For almost four decades this ball has been loyally supported by Washingtonians, as the charity which it is given is dear to the hearts of all lovers of little children.

The President and Mrs. Harding have allowed it to be known that they hope to follow the precedent established by President Cleveland and followed by the succeeding occupants of the White House, of attending this ball in person, and it is also expected that many of the Cabinet, as well as representatives of the different foreign embassies, will be present. The ball in fact promises to be an unusually important affair even during a particularly brilliant season.

The box holders are: Mrs. Charles C. Glover, Mrs. Joseph Leiter, Mrs. Frederick H. Brooke, Mrs. Willard H. Brownson, Mrs. Thomas B. Sweeney, Mrs. Edward B. McLean, Mrs. Richard Townsend, Mrs. Hauke, Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock, Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mrs. William Eric Fowler, William Phelps Eno, Mrs. Herbert Slocum, Mrs. Henry White, Mrs. Marshall Bullitt, Mrs. Dwight Davis, Mrs. Lawrence Phillips, Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, Mrs. Edward C. Walker, Mrs. Cuno Rudolph, Mrs. Louis Thius, Mrs. H. Wilfred Du Fay, Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, Mrs. John Garrett, Mrs. Alanson B. Houghton, Mrs. W. A. Slater, Mrs. Norman Williams, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. W. H. Miller, Mrs. Eugene Meyer, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. George Marye, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Countess Saechenyl, Mrs. George A. Sanderson, Mrs. Clark K. H. Newberry and Mrs. Robert Lansing.

The Y. W. C. A. will entertain at 1333 F street from 4 to 6 o'clock today for the benefit of the women connected with the conference. The committee in charge of the tea includes Mrs. Charles Denby, Mr. Charles Wood, Mrs. Truman H. Newberry and Mrs. Robert Lansing.

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